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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on September 25, 2006, Applicants hereby submit a copy of a Notification of Transmittal of Copies of Translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (including Forms PCT/IB/338 and PCT/IPEA/409) with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/019232, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. The following documents were cited in the International Preliminary Report on Patentability:

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-034515 A;
- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-233517 A;

- (3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 5-274375 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,713,022; and
- (5) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. SHO 63-000744 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the International claims by the International Examiner, is set forth in the International Preliminary Report on Patentability.

Applicants note that above-noted documents (1) and (2) were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on September 25, 2006. Thus, copies of documents (1) and (2) are not provided herewith.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of above-noted documents (3) and (5), including the noted English language Abstracts, are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy the Notification of Transmittal of Copies of Translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (including Forms PCT/IB/338 and PCT/IPEA/409) is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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	1	English language Abstract of JP 5-274375.
	2	English language Abstract of JP 63-000744.

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